

MINUTES
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger (7:20),
B. Ryan, G. Zimmer
Members absent: B. Gardner, P. Plante
Alternates present: M. Beal, L. Lombard, B. Pociask
Staff present: G. Meitzler (Wetlands Agent)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and appointed Alternate Lombard to act in Gardner's absence, Pociask to act in Plante's absence, and Beal to act until Kochenburger arrives.

Minutes:

1/7/08 - Hall MOVED, Holt seconded, to approve the minutes as corrected. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Ryan who disqualified herself. Beal noted for the record that he had listened to the tapes of the 12-17-07 IWA and PZC meeting.

Old Business:

W1383 - Bobb - Separatist & N Eagleville R - 7 lot subdivision

Hall disqualified himself.

Holt expressed surprise that the applicant continued to show plans that included crossing and filling the wetlands, even though he was asked about alternate driveway locations. She was also concerned about the maintenance of rain gardens and their ability to function properly in the future if not maintained correctly. The proximity of houses to the wetlands was also a concern, given that the homeowners may use salts, pesticides and other materials which have the potential of flowing into the wetlands, thereby polluting them.

Zimmer asked G. Meitzler, Wetlands Agent, how the amount of fill and disturbance proposed to this wetland compares with other similar applications that have been approved by this agency.

Holt stated that there are feasible and prudent alternatives to Dilaj's plans that would have less impact on the wetlands, although the end result may be slightly fewer lots. She noted that in an approval motion there should be a condition that requires the conservation easement to extend along the linear wetland on lots 1-3.

Pociask questioned the Wetlands Agent on his view of the Town enforcing maintenance of the rain garden.

Zimmer expressed concern that there is no way to enforce or monitor rain gardens long term.

Favretti noted that Kochenburger arrived at 7:20 p.m. and Beal will no longer be acting in his stead.

Favretti asked members to review the chart handed out this evening depicting member attendance at the public hearings regarding this application, and noted that any tapes that need to be listened to can be signed out tonight. Zimmer noted for the record that he listened to the tapes of the 11-5-07 meeting.

Favretti noted that there were no further comments from members, adding that the M.A.D. is 2-11-08. Holt volunteered to prepare draft approval and denial motions for the 2-4-08 meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary